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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO COMMISSION A MONUMENT TO PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA.

1 WHEREAS, Barack Hussein Obama, the forty-fourth President
2 of the United States of America, was born to Barack Obama, Sr.,
3 and Ann Dunham on August 4, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, President Obama spent his formative middle and
6 high school years as a student at Punahou School in Honolulu;
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9 WHEREAS, the substantial and diverse educational, social,
10 and cultural foundation provided during his time in Hawaii led
11 President Obama to eventually become a community organizer
12 dedicated to social justice, graduate magna cum laude from
13 Harvard Law School, serve as a United States Senator from
14 Illinois, and in 2008, be elected the first African American
15 president in United States history; and
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17 WHEREAS, under President Obama's leadership, the United
18 States economy thrived, the national deficit shrank by two-
19 thirds, the national unemployment rate dropped below 5.3
20 percent, and the landmark Patient Protection and Affordable Care
21 Act was passed, enabling more than sixteen million Americans to
22 obtain affordable and quality health care; and
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24 WHEREAS, President Obama is one of a select and esteemed
25 group of individuals of African American heritage who have had
26 an integral role in the history of Hawaii; and
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28 WHEREAS, President Obama continues to serve as an example
29 to the people of Hawaii of the important values of public
30 service and multicultural heritage; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
2 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
3 Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii State Foundation on
4 Culture and the Arts is requested to commission a commemorative
5 monument to President Barack Obama, to be located at an
6 appropriate and easily accessible public space; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Foundation on
9 Culture and the Arts is requested to submit a report to the
10 Legislature of its plans, designs, and potential sites for the
11 commemorative monument no later than twenty days prior to the
12 convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
16 of the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.
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OFFERED BY:





